

CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A rail used as an anti-rotation guide for the valve train of an internal combustion engine comprising a rail [(8)] having accepting spaces [(10)] arranged in a row spaced apart at a distance from one another defined thereon for accepting inserted valve lifters, provided as roller tappets [(9)], each with two parallel anti rotator areas [(15)] in the form of planar flattened zones provided on an exterior casing of the tappets for preventing rotation of each of the roller tappets [(9)] around a central longitudinal axis thereof, the planar zones are supported on guide areas [(14)] of the rail [(8)] located inside of the corresponding spaces [(10)], and with the accepting spaces [(10)] of the rail [(8)] being associated with an insertion opening comprising a key hole [(11)], into which each of the respective roller tappets [(9)] are inserted in a longitudinal axis direction thereof, subsequently displaced axially parallel towards the guide rails of the rail [(8)] which serve as anti-rotation guides, and are subsequently shifted once more in the longitudinal axis direction, a protruding catch [(16)] is arranged in the rail [(8)] in an area of the space [(10)] and a radial groove [(17)] is arranged in the roller tappet [(9)] in an area of the anti-rotation guide area [(15)], which engages the catch [(16)] of the rail [(8)] during the axially parallel displacement of the roller tappets [(9)].
2. (Currently amended) A rail used as an anti-rotation guide according to claim 1, wherein a flush surface [(18)] for contacting the rail is adjacent to the roller tappet [(9)] at each of the two anti-rotation guide areas [(15)], with the two flush surfaces (18) extending at a common radial plane of the roller tappet [(9)].

- 3 (Currently amended) A rail used as an anti-rotation guide according to claim 1, wherein two positioning flaps [(13)] for contacting the anti-rotation guide areas [(15)] of the roller tappet [(9)] are formed on the rail [(8)] in an area of the key hole [(11)] associated with the accepting spaces [(10)].

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